(iii) Agreement on stamped paper for payment of the balance amount.

(iv) Bank guarantee for the balance amount.

(v) Licence deed allowing auction bidder to take up construction while the legal title will remain with the DDA until full payment along with interest was made by the bidder.

(vi) Withdrawal of proceedings, if any, in the court by or on behalf of the bidders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise in view reply to part *(c)* above.

Viewership Surveys

3328. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of first five going sponsored T. V. serials having highest viewership according to latest viewership surveys conducted by Doordarshan as on the 31st July, 1989;

(b) what are the names of first five T.V. Serials after "Mahabharata" having earned maximum revenue for Doordarshan as on the 31st July, 1989; and

(c) whether T.V. serials having maximum viewership are given priority in selecting their next serials; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) The names of the first five on-going serials which have the highest viewership during June, 1989 are as under:—

1. Mahabharat
2. Uttar Ramayan
3. Mahanagar
4. Kathasagar
5. Muzrim Hazir Hai

The data for the month of July, 1989 is not available.

- (b) The first five serials after Mahabharat which have earned minimum revenue for Doordarshan as on 31-7-89 are:

(1) Uttar Ramayan (2) Mujrim Hazir Hai (3) Mahanagar (4) Kathasa|ar and (5) Lok Lok Ki Baat.

(c) No, Sir. T.V. serials are approved on the basis of the merit of individual proposals.

Decisions taken at the seminar for strengthening local bodies

3329. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister inaugurated a four day seminar held in New Delhi for strengthening of local bodies;

(b) if so, what was the number of Municipal Officers who attended the seminar; and

(c) what were the main directives issued by the Prime Minister and what were the decisions arrived at and to what extent these decisions have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number, of Municipal Officers who attended the Seminar was 1674.

(c) The Seminar favoured the strengthening of urban local bodies through constitutional recognition, regular elections, assignment of specific functions and duties, strengtbing the base of the Urban Local bodies, resource and coordination of rural and urban development and improvement in the service conditions of the Municipal staff. A comprehensive Bill in this regard has been introduced by the Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha on 7-8-1989.

Growth in construction by NBCC

3330. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN' DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Building Construction Corporation had registered a growth in construction during 1988-89;

(b) if so, what was the growth achieved and to what extent the growth was more in comparison to 1987-88; and

(c) what were the amount spent during 1988-89 and what steps are being taken to improve the growth of construction during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About Rs. 110.00 crores; showing a growth of 10% (approx.) in comparison to 1987-88.

(c) As per tentative figures, the actual expenditure incurred on construction by the NBCC (excluding depreciation and interest) was of the order of about Rs. 95.25 crores. Upgradation of technology, streamlining & close monitoring of the operations with computers and training of the existing work-force for new technologies are some of the steps teen by the Corporation to further im; prove its functioning during 1989-90.

Credit for agro-based industries

3331. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: J

(a) whether it is a fact that the discussions between IDBI and World Bank was held for extending a line of credit for setting up agro-based industries and other allied units;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and whether any final decision has been derived at; and

(c) to what extent Karnataka is likely to be benefited in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) There have been some preliminary discussions with World Bank staff for a proposed Agro Industrial Project.

National mineral policy

3332. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Mineral Policy is being prepared ;

(b) if so, whether the draft policy prepared was revised in the light of observations made by the States, and Central agencies concerned ;